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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

This is a request for filing a [ ] continuation [X] divisional application under 37 CFR Section 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/538,817, filed on March 30, 2000 of Boggs et al. for:

PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROLLER METHOD, SYSTEM AND APPARATUS

1. [X] Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.
2. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED HEREIN AFTER ANY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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BASIC FEE	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXX \$ 710.
TOTAL CLAIMS	4 - 20 =	0	x 18 = \$ 0
INDEP CLAIMS	2 - 3 =	0	x 78 = \$ 0
* MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED			+270. = \$
			TOTAL \$ 710.

3. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-2179. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

4. [X] Cancel in the application original claims 1-79 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

5. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

AI --This is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/538,817, filed March 30, 2000. --

6. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to Siemens Aktiengesellschaft.

7. [ ] The power of attorney in the prior application is to

- a. [X] The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. [ ] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. [X] Address all future communications to:

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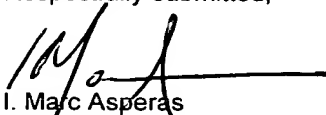
Address all telephone calls to: Elsa Keller, Legal Administrator (732) 321-3026.

8. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
9. ☒ I hereby declare that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior Application Serial No. 09/538,817 as originally filed on March 30, 2000.
10. ☒ I hereby appoint each and every one of the below-named individuals as my associate, each to have full power to prosecute the referenced case and any continuations thereof and to take any action regarding the above-referenced case which I could take, with the same force and effect as if it had been taken by me:

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11. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2179. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- a. ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR Section 1.16.
- b. ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR Section 1.17.
12. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2179. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- a. ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR Section 1.17.
- b. ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR Section 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.
13. ☒ Please make of record and consider in the present Application the prior art of record in the prior application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Date: Dec. 8, 00

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